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November 6, 2014

Luke Ascolillo, Chair
Carlisle Conservation Commission
Town Hall
66 Westford Street
Carlisle, MA 01741

Re: MassDEP # 125-0974
100 Long Ridge Road
40B – Application for Comprehensive Permit

Dear Mr. Ascolillo and members of the Conservation Commission:

I am in receipt of John P. Rockwood's letter of October 31, 2014 to Sylvia Willard, Administrator.

Dr. Rockwood has documented the changes in the wetland flags that he recommended. The revised plan was submitted to him and he has documented a few additional labeling and note changes he recommends. He also prefers an existing conditions plan to show the entire site.

As to the wetland resource areas, with the changes proposed, he concurs with the bordering vegetated wetland as shown, he has verified that the stream is intermittent, and not permanent, and therefore not within the jurisdiction of the Rivers Protection Act. He concurs that the bank of the intermittent stream is within the bordering vegetated wetland and does not require special designation as no work is proposed in this area. He confirms that the site is not "bordering land subject to flooding" per the related FIRM map. He has verified that the site is not with a mapped Estimated Habitat or mapped Priority Habitat and no Certified Vernal Pools or Potential Vernal Pools are mapped on the site. A depressed area may "have the physical characteristics to be a vernal pool" and he indicates that it should be evaluated, "with the express permission of the property owner" during spring conditions.

Dr. Rockwood also has minor suggestions to the NOI forms and narrative submitted. He also discusses a variety of other issues, direct and indirect, such as the future CGP under NPDES and issues to be addressed by the Commission via future plan revisions or conditions depending on final design issues or conditions from the Comprehensive Permit application.


Lastly, he indicates that only a portion of the site is within the jurisdiction of the Wetland Protection Act and Regulations and that some of the work within the buffer zone, especially the rear of Units 14 to 16, should have a more extensive narrative presented with potential mitigating re-designs.

All in all, Dr. Rockwood's report is certainly thorough and extensive in its qualitative analysis. I do not have any specific objections. Certainly, the file is properly documented with detailed suggestions, recommendations, and proposed conditions.

As the project is still in front of the Board of Appeals for a Comprehensive Permit, and since the time has been extended until March 28, 2014, you may recall that I expected that the project will need to be delayed or extended at some point by this Commission to allow the Board of Appeals to complete most, if not all, of the fact gathering and design plan amendments. I believe that the time for this action is now.

Therefore, I hereby request the Carlisle Conservation Commission to table or otherwise continue File Number: MassDEP # 125-0974 related to the 40B Application of Lifetime Green Homes, LLC at 100 Long Ridge Road to a date and time certain in late February, 2015. Thank you.

Sincerely,
LIFETIME GREEN HOMES, LLC



Jeffrey A. Brem

Enclosures

Cc: Carlisle Board of Appeals
Doug Deschenes, Esq.